

REMARKS

Claims 11, 20, 23-27, and 29-31 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 1-10, 14-19, 21-22, and 28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11-13, 20, 23-27, and 29-41 are pending. By amending and canceling the claims, applicants are not conceding that the claims are non-statutory under 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, and 103 and are not conceding that the claims are unpatentable over the reference cited by the Office Action, as the claim amendments are only for the purpose of facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

35 U.S.C. 101 Rejections

Claims 20-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims “do not explicitly state they (the results) are being stored in a computer readable medium.” Claims 20, 23-27, and 29-30 are amended to recite a storage medium, which is statutory under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 21, 22, and 28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, so the rejection is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 19 “is objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.”

35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 1-13, 15, 20, 23, and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as unpatentable over Eilert (U.S. Patent 5,537,542). Claims 14, 16-18, 21-22, 24-26, and 31-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Eilert.

Claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, so their rejection is moot. Allowable claim 19 and claim 16, on which claim 19 depends, are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and their elements are incorporated into independent claim 11, so claim 11 is allowable. The elements of amended claim 11 are incorporated into independent claims 20 and 31, so claims 20 and 31 are allowable. Claims 12, 13, 23-27, 29-30, and 32-41 are dependent on claims 11, 20, 31, so they are also allowable.

Conclusion

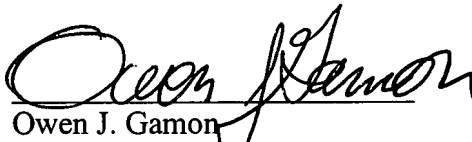
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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